

Dear parent/guardian,

We have invested in the online reading development programme DreamBox Reading Plus and would like to share with you more information about it.



## What is DreamBox Reading Plus?

Reading Plus is designed to improve children's reading. It does this by developing silent reading fluency (reading speed), and then introducing more complex stories (for comprehension) and advanced vocabulary (for knowledge). Children have access to 1,300+ high-quality online texts that are both engaging and inspirational and match student's reading levels. Teachers can monitor precisely what and how children read, meaning they can offer the proper support when needed.



## What will my child gain from using the programme?

The stories are short and engaging to keep motivation levels high, and your child will be exposed to many cultural and inspirational texts - anything from 'What can one child do to save the world?' to 'The future of AI'. Your child will challenge themselves to become a better reader and, in doing so, develop better reading habits. They will better understand what they have read and be better prepared for assessments.



## How does Reading Plus work?

Children choose a story (typically 6-7 minutes long) from a level appropriate to their reading ability. Once finished, they answer ten questions to test their understanding.

Reading Plus is not meant to replace physical reading books. It's also not just an eLibrary. The programme is designed to teach your child to become a more efficient reader, which will add to their enjoyment of reading independently – developing a lifelong love for reading. We hope that students will get much pleasure from using Reading Plus and progress in their reading.

The programme can be accessed from home, so we encourage you to get your child to use Reading Plus on evenings and weekends.

For more information about Reading Plus, please visit [www.daisyeducationuk.com](http://www.daisyeducationuk.com) or contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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to visit our website.



## How does my child log in?

Your school should have sent you information on how to log in, which could be either a QR code to scan with their device or a username and password. Please contact your child's teacher if you need support with this.

## Does Reading Plus work on a laptop or an iPad?

Reading Plus runs on laptops, desktops, iPads and tablets. Due to the screen size, we wouldn't recommend using Reading Plus on a smartphone.

## Do I need to download an app?

Reading Plus doesn't need an app to be downloaded - it's all accessed through a secure website.

## Is there anything I need to do to support my child?

The Daisy Education website has a range of helpful resources for parents and guardians.

You may also wish to sit with your child when they first use the programme. Other than that, it's just ensuring that Reading Plus is used regularly as directed by the school.

## Can I see what my child is doing on Reading Plus?

Yes, ask your child to show you their personalised Dashboard - from this screen, you will see when they have been on Reading Plus, for how long, how well they are doing, the level they are reading at and their reading speed.

## How to check your child's reading progress

Once your child is logged in to their Reading Plus account, click on the 'Families' link at the top of the screen for more information on how the programme works and resources. Children should aim:

- For 80%+ comprehension scores in the Reading lessons.
- To earn Combos. Pupils will need to complete two Reading Lessons in a row at 80%+.
- Unlock new Levels by collecting Combos.

## How long should my child be on Reading Plus?

Ideally, every day for about 30 minutes (at home and in school combined), but at least three times a week. Little and often is best!

## Why does the programme use the moving bar when my child reads the stories?

We call this the 'Guided Window'. The Guided Window was developed to teach children to navigate lines of text sequentially - sometimes called left-to-right scanning. It teaches children to read at their own pace, which builds fluency and stamina.

## What happens if we have a problem at home?

The easiest thing to do is to contact your child's teacher. If there is a problem, they should be able to advise.

